

In the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) In a coupling mechanism for a work vehicle, the coupling mechanism having a frame for mounting to the work vehicle, the frame having a cross member and left and right side members ~~projecting~~ attached to and extending downwardly from opposite ends of the cross member, ~~and having an upper central implement coupling hook mounted on the cross member, and having left and right lower implement coupling hooks positioned lower than the upper central hook,~~ the improvement comprising:

~~a pair of left and right attaching members, each mounted to a respective one of the side members, each attaching member comprising an elongated body, a first lower hook fixed to a first end of the body, and a second lower hook fixed to a second end of the body, the first lower hook having at least one dimensional feature which is larger than a corresponding dimensional feature of the second lower hook, each attaching member being selectively mountable in a corresponding one of the side members in a first orientation with the first lower hook in an lower operative position and being selectively mountable in a second orientation with the second lower hook in an lower operative position~~

a left attaching member mounted to the left side member, the left attaching member comprising an elongated left body, a first implement coupling hook fixed to a first end of the left body, and a second implement coupling hook fixed to a second end of the left body, the first implement coupling hook having at least one dimensional feature which is larger than a corresponding dimensional feature of the second implement coupling hook, the left attaching member being selectively mountable in the left side member in a first orientation with the first implement coupling hook in an lower operative position and being selectively mountable in the left side member in a second orientation with the second implement coupling hook in an lower operative position; and

a right attaching member mounted to the right side member, the right attaching member comprising an elongated right body, a first implement coupling hook fixed to a first end of the right body, and a second implement coupling hook fixed to a second end of the right body, the first implement coupling hook having at least one dimensional feature which is larger than a corresponding dimensional feature of the second hook, the right attaching member being selectively mountable

in the right side member in a first orientation with the first implement coupling hook in an lower operative position and being selectively mountable in the right side member in a second orientation with the second implement coupling hook in an lower operative position.

2. (original) The coupling mechanism of claim 1, wherein:

a first longer portion of each attaching member projects from a lower end of the corresponding side member when the attaching member is mounted to the corresponding side member in said first orientation, and a second shorter portion of each attaching member projecting from a lower end of the corresponding side member when the attaching member is mounted to the corresponding side member in said second orientation.

3. (original) The coupling mechanism of claim 1, wherein:

a plurality of mounting bores extend through each attaching member; and
a plurality of coupling bores extend through each side member, a first group of the mounting bores being aligned with a first set of the coupling bores when the attaching member is in the first orientation, a second group of the mounting bores being aligned with a second set of the coupling bores when the attaching member is in the second orientation.

4. (currently amended) The coupling mechanism of claim 1, wherein:

the first and second ~~lower~~ implement coupling hooks of the left and right attaching members have prongs which project from opposite sides of the elongated body.

5. (currently amended) The coupling mechanism of claim 1, wherein:

the first and second ~~lower~~ implement coupling hooks of the left and right attaching members have prongs which project from opposite sides of the elongated body and generally towards a plane which bisects a central portion of the elongated body.

6. (withdrawn)

7. (withdrawn)

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